Supervisors in the Public Works Department.

72. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of acting Supervisors at present (18-2-1104) in the Public Works Department ;

(*b*) their names and the period of acting service of each of them ;

(*c*) whether, while they were acting, any hands newly entertained in the Department have been confirmed as Supervisors ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for confirming those new hands, when there were already acting hands who had put in previous service in the Department ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 36 including S. P. T., acting and temporary Supervisors.

(*b*) The names and services of 35 of them can be had from the *Quarterly Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Chingam 1104. The only acting Supervisor subsequently appointed is Mr. P. Gangadharan Pillai who has been acting from the 19th Chingam 1104.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

Shertallai-Arthingal Road.

73. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any sum was allotted for the maintenance of the Shertallai-Arthingal road in 1103 ;

(*b*) whether any amount was spent for this purpose last year (1103);

(*c*) whether the Executive Engineer or the Sub-Division Officer inspected this road in 1103 ; and

(*d*) if they will enquire whether this road is in such a state of disrepair as to be unfit for traffic ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes ; Rs. 775.

(*b*) Yes; Rs. 541-3-7.

(*c*) The Executive Engineer inspected the road twice and the Sub-Division Officer seven times during the year.

(*d*) The road is serviceable and the slight repairs required are being attended to from the maintenance grant.

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